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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application for:

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For: **SCALABLE ARCHITECTURE FOR
TRANSMISSION OF MESSAGES
OVER A NETWORK**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Box CPA
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated March 13, 2002, Applicants respectfully request consideration of the remarks which follow. Applicants also submit herewith an information disclosure statement containing newly cited references.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 15-29 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein.

Please add the following claims:

30. (New) A system for supporting a message delivery service, comprising:
a plurality of processing servers each being coupled to communicate with a
plurality of first outbound resources and a database server, over an internal packet-

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